

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated April 17, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants appreciate the courtesies provided to Applicants' representatives during the telephone interview of June 11, 2008.

Claims 1-20 are rejected by the Examiner. With this response, claim 1 and 11 are hereby amended. The amendment is supported by at least Figs. 9, 11, and 12 of the drawings. Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. During the June 11, 2008 telephone interview, the support for claims 1 and 11 was discussed. Applicants submit that the claims as amended fully comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1-20 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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